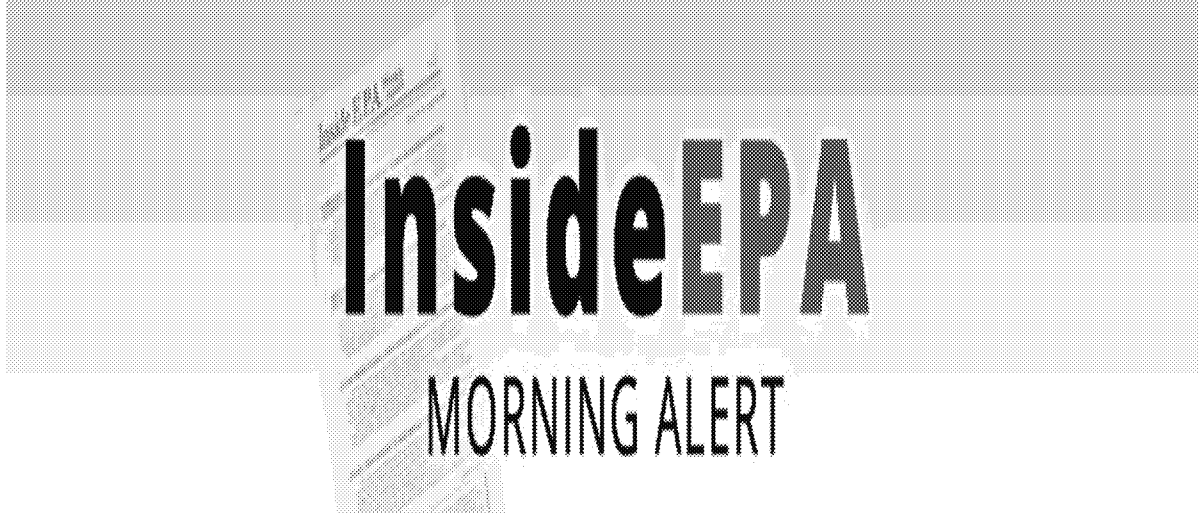


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The Weekly Focus

Deregulatory Agenda Complicates EPA Messaging On PFAS Actions

The Trump administration's deregulatory agenda rolling back a host of EPA rules appears to be impeding the agency's messaging on its landmark comprehensive action plan aimed at setting environmental protections to address contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Latest News

EPA Halts Formaldehyde IRIS Analysis As ACC Prepares For OPPT Review

EPA appears to have halted the long-running and controversial effort by its research office to assess the human health risks of formaldehyde, a move that could bolster efforts by the chemical industry which is preparing for the possibility that EPA's toxics office may select the chemical for evaluation, an approach the industry has long favored.

Environmentalists Eye Procedural, Not Substantive, Suits To Kill CWA Rule

Environmentalists might pursue procedural challenges to EPA's proposed narrower Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction policy that allege Administrative Procedure Act (APA) violations and other non-substantive issues, believing such attacks might win favor from conservative judges who could otherwise vote to uphold the rule on its merits.

Pitting Sectors, API Urges EPA To 'Leverage' Gas In Coal Plant GHG Rule

The American Petroleum Institute (API) is urging EPA to “leverage” natural gas in its proposed replacement greenhouse gas rule for new coal plants -- pitting “clean, reliable, and affordable natural gas” against coal, which the plan seeks to bolster by easing standards for new plants, even though no new coal plants are being planned.

GOP Senators Threaten Wheeler Nomination Over RFS Credit Reform Plan

Five GOP senators say they will have “serious concerns” about acting EPA chief Andrew Wheeler’s nomination to head the agency permanently unless he gives them details on a plan to reform the renewable fuel standard (RFS) that satisfies them, which would be enough GOP votes to reject Wheeler in a floor vote if all Democrats oppose him.

EPA Hedges On Regulatory Determination For PFAS, Sparking Criticisms

EPA officials are promising to propose a threshold determination on whether to set drinking water standards for two of the most common per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) but are leaving the door open to the possibility that they may choose not to regulate the chemicals, an approach that is sparking widespread criticism.

EAB Finds Moot CWA NPDES Permit Appeal Linked To ‘Sue-And-Settle’

EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) has dismissed as moot a contentious Clean Water Act (CWA) permit challenge that had emerged as a test of the agency’s directive against “sue-and-settle” practices, leaving a federal appellate suit as environmentalists’ only means of maintaining judicial oversight over the permit.

Daily Feed

New York threatens to sue EPA over interstate ozone air petition

The state is threatening EPA with a lawsuit to force a response to its Clean Air Act petition asking the agency to regulate air pollution sources in nine upwind states.

Trump to sign EPA FY19 funding, declare border wall 'emergency'

Some Republicans fear the president’s border wall emergency declaration could give a future Democratic president a roadmap to pursue policies on hotly contested issues, including climate change.

After McConnell plans 'Green' deal vote, Schumer says 'bring it on'

“Trust me, we’ll be fine because the American people know that our entire party actually believes that climate change is happening and caused by humans,” the Democratic Leader said.

EPA leaves leather products air toxics rule unchanged

The agency cites a lack of remaining health risks from the leather finishing operations sector as the reason for making no changes to its air toxics rules for the industry.

Ewire: EPA unveils PFAS 'action plan' with eye on potential rules

In today’s Ewire: EPA says its ‘action plan’ is a broad effort to address contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances but critics say it falls short of regulatory steps necessary to protect public health.

Oil, biofuels groups add to lengthy list of RFS 2019 challengers

More organizations representing various industries are suing EPA over its 2019 renewable fuel standard, with the rule’s compliance waivers for small refiners likely to feature as a key issue.

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